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TAGS: ORIT, ELAB, RP

SUBJ: WFTU VISIT TO MANILA

REF: MANILA 2640

1. WFTU SECRETARY GENERAL PIERRE GENSOUS DEPARTED MANILA FEB. 26 AFTER 3-DAY VISIT. BEFORE DEPARTING, HE HELD PRESS CONFERENCE, WE HAVE SEEN NO MENTION OF EITHER VISIT OR PRESS CONFERENCE IN LOCAL PRESS YET.

2. ACCORDING AP STORY, GENSOUS STATED WFTU BACKED FILIPINO LABOR DEMANDS FOR GREATER RIGHT TO STRIKE UNDER MARTIAL LAW. HE SAID HE PREFERRED THAT GOP AND LABOR WORK OUT THEIR PROBLEMS BY NEGOTIATIONS, AND ASSERTED WFTU REFUSED TO INTERFERE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF A FOREIGN TRADE UNION. IN CLOSING, GENSOUS CLAIMED WFTU AND TUCP HAD AGREED EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND OPINIONS ON LABOR ISSUES, TO MEET REGULARLY, AND TO ATTEND EACH OTHERS CONFERENCES. HOWEVER, HE ALSO STRESSED HE WOULD OFFER NO HELP TO PHILIPPINE LABOR THAT WOULD "EMBARRASS" TRADE UNION OFFICIALS

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3. COMMENT. GENSOUS' STATEMENT REGARDING FUTURE EXCHANGES APPEARS TO BE AN EXAGGERATED DESCRIPTION OF MORE VAGUE PLEDGES OF FRATERNAL CONTACTS. TUCP PRESIDENT BERT OCA TOLD AAFLI MANILA THAT WHILE GENSOUS HAD OFFERED WFTU ASSISTANCE FOR "ANYTHING" DURING MEETING WITH TUCP BOARD (REFTEL), TUCP HAD REPLIED THAT THEY DID NOT WISH TO RECEIVE ANY HELP AT ALL. ACCORDING OCA, GENSOUS WAS TOLD THAT FILIPINO LABOR DID NOT WISH TO JEOPARDIZE TRADITIONALLY CLOSE AND PRODUCTIVE TIES WITH ICFTU, AAFLI, AND FES (WEST GERMAN). GENSOUS WAS FURTHER TOLD THAT ANY FUTURE WFTU ACTIVITIES WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE THROUGH THEIR AFFILIATE NATU. BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE FOR GENEVA FEB. 27, TUCP SECRETARY GENERAL KITO MANDOZA TOLD LABATT HE CONFIDENT GENSOUS HAD GOTTEN THE MESSAGE THAT FILIPINO LABOR MOVEMENT NOT INTERESTED IN ANY SERIOUS TIES WITH WFTU.

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